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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS: RH, PINT, PDEV
SUBJ: RHODESIA: INTERNAL TALKS

REF: PRETORIA 0804 & 0817

1. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT THE INTERNAL TALKS
CONTINUE TODAY, FEBRUARY 15, STILL IN A DEADLOCK STAGE.
MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY HAS NOT AND WILL NOT BUDGE ON HIS
PROPOSAL THAT NO MORE THAN 20 WHITE SEATS BE SPECIALLY
ELECTED. ONE PRESS ACCOUNT STATES THAT SMITH IS
RELUCTANT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT MUZOREWA AND
QUOTES GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AS OPENLY SAYING AN
AGREEMENT WITHOUT THE BISHOP WOULD BE MEANINGLESS. IT
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GOES ON TO SAY THERE IS " STRONG APECULATION" IN SALISBURY
THAT SMITH AND HIS DELEGATION MIGHT ACCEPT
MUZOREWA'S DEMAND.

2. SMITH, HOWEVER, IS REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN AN ADDRESS IN
SALISBURY LAST NIGHT, FEBRUARY 14, IN WHICH HE PROMISED TO
INFORM RHODESIANS SOON IF IT WERE WORTHWHILE OR NOT TO CONTINUE

THE TALKS. HE ADDED, " IN THE END, IF IT ISN'T WORTHWHILE, YOU
KNOW VERY WELL WE WILL SIMPLY SAY SO AND DECIDE
THAT WE CANNOT GO ON WITH THE PROCEEDINGS."
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